

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

3639

Banks.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED
Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$2,500,000
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chen Kien Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolzenfels, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [183]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$2,500,000

RANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
A and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager,
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [188]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,250,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 3 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 "4 "
" 3 "3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

Intimations.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.

I HAVE this day resumed my Hongkong
DENTAL PRACTICE.

DENTON E. PETERSON, D.D.S.
6, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [1408]

NOTICE.

A YOUNG MAN is desirous of obtaining a
SITUATION in a Commercial House
as CORRESPONDENT or ACCOUNTANT;
GERMAN, FRENCH and ENGLISH spoken.
Address

A. ERNST,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1407]

EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM the 16th instant and until further
notice the PRICES for the COMPANY'S
PRODUCE will be as follows:—

FRESH MILK.....1 Imperial Pint Bottle,
6 Cents.
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8 Cents.

FRESH BUTTER.....Per Pint, 25 Cents.
SPECIAL TERMS for yearly or half-yearly
contracts.

A. RUMJAHN,
Secretary & Manager,
51, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1357]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LISTS and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSES—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
and four of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later,
if so desired, can be had. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
and VARIOUS ORDERS—the Parties sending
Dish, &c., for same—and Cash, Scale, &c.,
application.

Monthly Board for One Person.....\$35.00
" " " " ".....\$15.00
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
hand and served in every style.

Breakfast.....\$0.50
" " " " ".....\$0.75
Dinner.....\$1.00
SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [1358]

PRIVATE BOARD
AND
RESIDENCE.

12, GLENALY BUILDINGS,
Mrs. GILLANDERS,
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1893. [1359]

Insurances.
THE
STANDARD.
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other relatives
in event of early death.
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d) The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [1747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms:
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [1415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [1733]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000] \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO\$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1974]

Amusements.

THE PHARMACY,
25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to
inform the Residents of Hongkong and
the Shipping Community, that they have now
OPENED at the above address. The Store is
managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist
who takes every care that all DRUGS and
CHEMICALS used in the compounding of pre-
scriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good
selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent
Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.
FLETCHER & Co.,
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044]

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Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

—
NEW STOCK OF SADDLERY.

RACING GEAR.

STABLE REQUISITES.

RACING SADDLES, WHIPS, BRIDLES, WEIGHT CLOTHS, SADDLE CLOTHS,
ROLLERS, GIRTHS,

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893. [1157]

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

JUST RECEIVED,

FRESH SUPPLIES

OF

CAPSTAN NAVY CUT TOBACCOlb. & 1/2 lb. Tins.

WILLS' TRAVELLER BRAND TOBACCOlb. Tins.

PIONEER BRAND TOBACCOlb. Tins.

PAGODA BRAND TOBACCOlb. Tins.

OTTO DE ROSE CIGARETTESBoxes of 100.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTESBoxes of 500.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTESBoxes of 500.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 29th December, 1893. [1731]

CARMICHAEL & Co., Ltd.

A RE now showing a very Fine Selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS,
CABDURY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMES, CALLARD and BOWSER'S BUTTER-
SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM
SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large
Selection of PHOTO FRAMES.

CANADIAN PRODUCE:

MCLEARN'S GLASS JAR CHEESE.

SALTED SALMON20 cents per lb.

SALMON BELLY15 cents per lb.

SALMON STEAKS (lb. tins)40 cents per tin.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [152]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST OPENED

A FINE Collection of New Fancy Goods in PLUSH, HAND-PAINTED SILK, RUSSIA
and other fine Leather Goods.

Handsome Boxed American Christmas Cards. Autograph Christmas Cards very pretty & cheap.
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

Great variety of Children's Books for Christmas. All the Annual Volumes for Boys and Girls.

Handsome bound Books for presents. New Framed Pictures.

STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.

DANCING PUMPS. LADIES SHOES. TENNIS BATS, SHOES, BALLS.

New French Novels. Christmas Nos. of Graphic Illustrated,
"PEARS," "BLACK and WHITE," "QUEEN."

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1659]

W. POWELL & Co.

—
TREMENDOUS SHOW OF
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A LADY.

EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893.

Notices.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times—

CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES of SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNT ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c. CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES. Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [130]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

We invite attention to our stocks

of

CONFECTONERY

AND

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAGEES, PRALINES,

and a large selection

PURE CONFECTONERY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL

CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other

FRUIT JELLIES in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED O.PALS MOUNTED IN PLUSH, representing favourite subjects.

A Large Assortment of ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS,

of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, The Hongkong Dispensary, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [15]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893.

PRESS TELEGRAMS FOR THE FAR EAST.

One of the most important events for the newspaper press of the Far East that have occurred during the year that is now so rapidly drawing to a close is undoubtedly the valuable concession granted by the Telegraph Administrations in London in regard to Press Telegraphs. Up till now there has been no Free rate to this part of the world and, as every sensible business man knows, the ordinary tariff was simply prohibitive. The unsuccessful efforts made for years past by the Hongkong Telegraph to effect arrangements for a comparatively cheap tariff, somewhat similar to that accorded to the Press of the Australian colonies, are too well known to require repetition; but the all-powerful Rector stopped the way; and, like our local contemporaries, we had to be contented with the amateur and frequently inaccurate and uninteresting messages so sparingly doled out by the champion monopolist. Within measurable distance at that will be changed, and although some time must elapse before satisfactory arrangements can be completed, the new and more liberal rates the newspapers of Hongkong,

China and Japan in the helpless position they have hitherto occupied.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. F. von der Pförrden, manager in China for the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Companies, for the following statement of conditions on which press telegrams will be accepted at reduced rates—

1st.—The lines of the Eastern Telegraph Company from London or Marseilles to Egypt, Perim, Obock, Aden and India, the lines of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to Penang, Singapore, Cochinchina, China, Tonquin, Manila, Java and Australia, and the East Coast cables of the Eastern and South African Telegraph Company from Aden to South Africa, are available to the press for the transmission of news or intelligence for publication in newspapers which are allowed by the Governments or Companies to receive intelligence by telegraph at reduced rates.

2nd.—Such messages shall not interfere with the transmission of the ordinary message traffic and in order to insure this the transmission of such news messages may be deferred, suspended, or interrupted until any government message or any ordinary or press message at full rates that may be on hand shall have been transmitted and completed.

3rd.—The working of the lines shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the International Telegraph Convention.

4th.—No messages at the reduced rates shall be sent except for publication in such news or information not for publication or containing code words or words of concealed meaning or groups of figures or ciphers shall be paid for at the full tariff rates in force for ordinary messages.

5th.—The newspapers and their correspondents or agents are required to address their messages to a newspaper office, which shall be prohibited from selling, distributing or communicating such messages to clubs, exchanges or news-rooms or disposing of them for any purpose whatsoever directly or indirectly other than for publication in newspapers allowed by the Government or Companies to receive them.

6th.—Messages can only be accepted from the authorised correspondent of a newspaper, and the news sent in such messages must be duly published in the newspaper or satisfactory reasons given for non-publication, in the absence of which full rates will be chargeable.

7th.—The Administrations reserve to themselves the right to terminate the present arrangements, but will in such case announce their intentions twelve months beforehand.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

1st MONDAY, the 1st proximo, being a Government and general holiday throughout the colony, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph*. We take this opportunity of sincerely wishing our readers

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

H.M.S. *Archer* came out of dock yesterday afternoon and is under orders to sail for Singapore to-morrow.

A TRIBUNAL of experts lately decided that Miss Ryder, of 16 West Sixty-first street, is the "prettiest girl" of New York.

The O. and O. Company's steamer *Belgic* went into the Cosmopolitan Dock this morning for an overhaul, and the *Deutero* into Kowloon Dock.

THE members of the Staff and Departmental Sergeants' Mess will give a smoking concert in their mess room on Monday next, commencing at 9 p.m.

The Post Office notifies that the parcels mail for Colombo, Bombay, Europe etc., per P. and O. steamer *RoMilla*, will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday the 3rd prox.

WE are requested to state that there will be Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church on New Year's Day at 7:30 a.m. and a short service, with an address, at 11 a.m.

Over 50,000 Russian Jews were landed at the port of New York during the first ten months of this year, according to the official report of the Commissioner of Immigration.

On Tuesday, the 2nd January, the Post Office will be opened from 5 to 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of closing a supplemental mail for Australia per the steamer *Arlita*.

A CANADIAN has invented a conductors' fare box for use on street railways to register every ticket or fare dropped in the slot, and to deal out dated transfer tickets automatically.

Magistrate—Why didn't you call a constable when the prisoner assaulted you with a club?

Witness—Call a constable! Great Scot! Your honour, wasn't I thumped hard enough as it was?

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 7:30 a.m. to-day, and left again at 3:30 p.m. for Vancouver, via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.

THE German steamer *Deutscher* was towed to Kowloon and the O. and O. Co.'s mail packet *Galle* to the Cosmopolitan Dock yesterday. H.M.S. *Archer* was towed over to her moorings last evening.

In case anybody may be so "festive" as to have forgotten about "Princess Toto" to-night, we beg to remind the community that the show begins at 9 p.m., and that all the best seats were taken weeks ago, so that those who late may be sorry.

ACCORDING to the latest returns Russia has the largest prison population, namely 108,405, next comes India with 76,510, Italy with 65,525, Japan with 63,525, France with 60,856, the United States with 50,528, and Great Britain with 30,474. Statistics for China are not available.

At the Magistrate to-day, before Mr. H. E. Wetherell, a Chinese "boy" was sent to jail for three months, for having stolen \$18 from his master, Mr. Geddes, at the R. E. establishment at Kowloon on the 14th inst. Evidently he was afraid the gambling houses would soon be closed for ever, and wanted a paring "fitter."

AN original inspiration, far ahead of ordinary photography, has been introduced by the manager of Kuhn & Co., who has had his smiling and rubicund features reproduced in bronze. The figure is hung up on the front of the curio museum in Queen's Road, and looks so much like the genuine Buddha that lots of superstitions natives come along with joss-sticks, go down on their narrow-bones and "chin-chin" to it.

THE members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong announce a dance in St. George's Hall on Thursday, the 4th January, at 9 p.m.

A SUBMARINE railway is projected to cross the bed of the Strait of Oresund, between Denmark and Sweden. It is to be half tunnel and half tube, the latter resting upon piles, and will be five miles long.

AN independent is a man who leaves the other party to join our party. A renegade is a man who leaves our party to join the other. An offensive partisan is a man who belongs to the other party and sticks to it.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding code-pendant C, between 9 and 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12:30 p.m.

THE latest news from Lima states that Peru has abolished the duty hitherto existing on silver bars. It is further enacted that on and after April 1st next only Peruvian silver will be received as legal tender.

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8th.—The *Chicago Times*, to wish they were back at home before they are through with their venture. The "bubble reputation" it has is very alluring, but it isn't worth being busted skyward with a dynamite petard in the interests of a country which will not even recognise the one hole it is a patriot, and has such very rigid ideas of pension reform that pensions don't exist."

9th.—The *Chicago Times* prints the following:

"Each State pays tribute to Bangkok."

A rich man will often bequeath a limb to the birds and beasts.

The position of women is good, although girls can be sold as wives.

The bodies of the poor are given to the vultures and the wild beasts.

The rainfall at Bangkok on an average of ten years is 67 inches, of which 50 fall from May to October.

During the wet season travelling through a large section of Siam would hardly be possible without elephants, of which some are kept in every village.

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE, of the British bark *Iredale*, which arrived at Portland, Oregon, the other week from Antwerp, reports a strange phenomenon at sea, about 10 days before reaching port. The ship was proceeding along under a light southerly wind, so light that it was almost a calm, when a roar was heard coming down from the north, like the roar of a bull. The sound increased until a moment later when a northerly gale burst on the ship.

Coming from the opposite direction of the wind previously, it took the captain unawares, and to save his crew he was compelled to let everything go. The wind split the main-top-gallant sail, but did no other damage. The gale kept up for two days longer and was followed by heavy weather into port.

BULL-FIGHTING in the Philippines seems to have degenerated about as much as duelling.

In order to raise funds for the relief of sufferers by the terrible dynamite accident in Santander harbour, a great bull-fight was organised on the 3rd December, in the regular *Plaza de Toros*, and five animals of distinguished parentage were advertised to appear for the first time; while five ladies of the very highest *Plaza* society graciously consented to award the prizes—one for the conqueror of each bull—in good old *orthodox* "Carmen" style.

The *Plaza de Toros* is a large amphitheatre, in the open air, with an excellent grand stand covered. The prices of admission ranged from twenty cents all the way up to ten dollars, and most of the best places were booked a long time in advance. By way of contrast it is worth noting that the newly-formed Manila Cyclists Club held a race meeting a few days before—also for the Santander fund—and could not get more than \$2 for the highest class of ticket, and the total gate-money was only \$600, whereas the bull-fight, after paying for greater expenses, raised ten times as much.

However, the bulls were a fraud, for all the people agree in ridiculing their performances; they seem to have had much less "fight" in the whole five of them than there is in our Office Goat. The *Amigo del Pueblo*, in the course of a long report, puts a big query after every reference to the word "bull," as if in doubt whether it should not be "camel."

At the eighteenth annual meeting of District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, C. P. Chater appointed the following officers for the ensuing year—

D.D.G.—Right Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray.

District Senior Grand Warden—Wor. Bro. W. Danby, Perseverance 1,165.

Junior Grand Warden—Wor. Bro. R. Cooke, Zealand 525.

Grand Chaplain—Wor. Bro. G. H. Bondfield, Zealand 525.

Treasurer—Wor. Bro. G. L. Tomlin, Perseverance 1,165.

Registrar—Wor. Bro. S. L. Darby, Victoria 1,165.

President Board of General Purposes—Wor. Bro. G. P. Jordan, M.B., Perseverance 1,165.

Secretary—Wor. Bro. A. O. G. Gourdin, Victoria 1,026.

Senior Deacon—Wor. Bro. T. W. Wright, Fife 1,165.

Junior Deacon—Bro. F. B. Smith, Star of Southern China 2,013.

Superintendent of Works—Wor. Bro. F. L. Lloyd, Victoria 1,026.

Director of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. P. R. Simmonds, Perseverance 1,165.

Artist. Dir. of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. J. B. Scott, Zeeland 525.

Sword Bearer—Wor. Bro. F. B. Marshall, Ionic 1,165.

Standard Bearer—Bro. J. Christian, Perseverance 1,165.

Standard Bearer—Bro. H. Edgar, Foochow 1,162.

Organist—Wor. Bro. J. Murphy, Perseverance 1,165.

Purification—Wor. Bro. J. J. Underwood, Foochow 1,162.

Artist. Purification—Bro. H. J. Watson, United Service 1,164.

Steward—Bro. G. A. Caldwell, Zealand 525.

Steward—Bro. W. Newton, Victoria 1,026.

Steward—Bro. F. Salinger, Star of Southern China 2,013.

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent. prem., sales and sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £600, paid up—\$15, sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, sales and sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 135 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$202 per share, sales and buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$30 per share, sales and sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$56 sales and buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—37 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$43, sellers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$60 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$14 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—3%.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Shamian Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Punjon Mining Co.—\$7 per share, sales and buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1.25 per share, sellers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$7 per share, buyers.

The Lebel Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$53 sales and buyers.

New Imuris Mining Co., Limited—nominal.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—n/a.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sales and buyers.

Luron Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10, buyers.

Dakin, Crockshank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$4 per share, buyers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 sales and buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$37 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$8 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$55, buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/27

Bank Bills, on demand 2/3

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/38

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/38

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/34

On PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/83

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/90

On INDIA—

T. T. 179

On Demand 179

On SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 72

Private, 30 days' sight 73

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Mr. MacLean.

Mr. McMurtry.

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thames*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 27th instant at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on the 28th and 29th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Persia*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 10th instant.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanus*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 22d instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 26th instant for Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Hongkong, and may be expected here on the 2nd and 3rd.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Wings*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore on the 23d instant, and may be expected here on the 30th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bowdoin* left Bombay on the 11th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 30th instant.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Stura* left Bombay on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on the 1st proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Teheran* left Bombay on the 18th instant, and may be expected here on the 5th proximo.

The C. M. steamer *Kersman*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 29th inst., and may be expected here on the 6th proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton* left London for this port on the 2nd and instant.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Formosa* left London for this port on the 16th instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, J. Jensen, 20th Dec.—Moli 24th December, Coal.—Sleisem & Co.

SAINT ASAPH, British steamer, 1,169, Henry Wood, 30th Dec.—Moli 25th Dec., Coal.

SAKURASAN, British steamer, 1,169, Henry Wood, 30th Dec.—Moli 25th Dec., Coal.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 24th Dec.—Pakkoh 21st Dec., and Hohow 23rd Dec.—General—Wieles & Co.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. Bendixen, 20th Dec.—Bangkok 21st Dec., Rice.—Wieles & Co.

BRILIOU, British steamer, 2,605, Wm. H. Walker, 25th Dec.—San Francisco 30th Dec., and Yokohama 20th Dec., Coal, and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

CHIYUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Null, 25th Dec.—M. (via Nagasaki) 19th Dec., Genl.—C. M. S. N. C. Co.

CHOWFA, British steamer, 2,055, F. W. Phillips, 27th Dec.—Bangkok 18th Dec., and Aegir 26th, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

DARDANUS, British steamer, 1,507, Purdy, 28th Dec.—Moli 23rd Dec., General and Coal—Bitterfeld & Söhne.

DEUTERUS, German steamer, 1,192, W. A. Dins, 25th Dec.—Samarang 24th Dec., Sugar.—Sleisem & Co.

EMILIE, British steamer, 1,177, Captain McInnes, 20th Dec.—Hongkong Government tender.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 680, T. Hall, 24th December.—Tamsui 21st Dec., Amoy 22nd, and Swatow 21st, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1,404, P. T. Helm, 24th Dec.—Sydney 25th Nov., Newcastle 28th, Brisbane 30th, Townsville 3rd Dec., Cooktown 4th, Thursday Island 6th, Port Darwin 8th, and Manila 17th, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

HAILWOOD, British steamer, 783, J. S. Ranch, 28th Dec.—Fochow 24th Dec., Amoy 26th, and Swatow 27th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

MANDARIN, British steamer, 1,170, C. W. Raison, 26th Dec.—Saigon 20th Dec., Rice.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

MOGUL, British steamer, 1,347, T. Golding, 22nd Dec.—Tacoma 23rd Nov., and Yokohama 17th Dec., Flour and General—Doddell, Carilli & Co.

PICCIOLA, German steamer, 768, E. Hass, 22nd Dec.—Saigon 15th Dec., Rice.—Melchers & Co.

POLLUX, German steamer, 893, J. G. Gelfken, 26th Nov.—Sourabaya 8th Nov., and Singapore 14th, Sugar and General—Melchers & Co.

PROPORTIS, British steamer, 1,390, W. H. Farrand, 28th Oct.—Singapore 19th Dec., General—Chu Wo Loo.

RECORDE, British telegraph steamer, 676, R. A. E. Brierley, 19th Dec.—Halman Bay 18th Dec., Telegraph cable.—E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.

SIAM, British steamer, 991, J. F. Messer, 25th Dec.—Bangkok 24th December, Rice.

TOYO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,500, J. G. Edwards, 25th Dec.—Moli 23rd Dec., Matches and Coal—Doddell, Carilli & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALFRED HAWKLY, British bark, 472, W. Llewellyn, 15th Nov.—Whampoa 15th November, 1893.

BANGALORE, British bark, 1,100, Congdon, 4th Dec.—New York 28th July, Rice.—Shewan & Co.

BASUTO, German bark, 348, H. Eggers, 14th Oct.—Amoy 24th Oct., Sugar.—Wieles & Co.

BERLIN, American ship, 1,552, Whitmore, 21st Nov.—New York 10th June, Kerosene Oil—Order.

CO. RODBERTUS, German bark, 567, Lewerenz, 27th Dec.—Kielkutcho 17th Dec., Coal.—Wieles & Co.

CLARA JACKSON, British schooner, 32, Charles Buchard